

DIRECTIVE

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

Number: WIAD04-24

Date: June 17, 2005
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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: 2005 70 PERCENT LLSIL AND POVERTY GUIDELINES (**INACTIVE**)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Purpose:

This directive issues the 2005 70 Percent Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) published by the Secretary of Labor in the Federal Register on May 11, 2005, and the 2005 poverty guidelines published by the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) February 18, 2005.

Scope:

The LLSIL and poverty guidelines are used to establish low-income status for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I programs. Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIB) need the LLSIL to determine eligibility for youth, eligibility for employed adults for certain services, defining self-sufficiency, and for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit. The LWIBs should consult WIA regulations and preamble for more specific guidance.

Effective Date:

The 2005 LLSIL became effective the date of publication in the Federal Register, May 11, 2005. The 2005 poverty guidelines were effective on the date of publication in the Federal Register, February 18, 2005.

REFERENCES:

- WIA Sections 101(24), 127(b)(2)(C), 134(d)(3)(A)(ii), and 134(d)(4)(E)
- Federal Register, Volume 70, Number 33, WIA; LLSIL (May 11, 2005)
- Federal Register, Volume 70, Number 90, Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines (February 18, 2005)

STATE-IMPOSED REQUIREMENTS:

This directive contains one State-imposed requirement, which is in ***bold italic*** print.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

This directive supersedes WIA Directive WIAD04-2, dated August 6, 2004, and finalizes WIA Draft Directive WIADD-97, issued for comment on May 23, 2005. Retain this directive until further notice.

BACKGROUND:

The WIA Section 101(24) provides for the use of one of two sets of data to establish whether an individual is a low-income individual. The measure used is the highest of either 70 percent of the LLSIL, determined by the Secretary of Labor, or the poverty guidelines, published by HHS. The WIA requires annual revisions to both sets of data.

All Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIA) use the same poverty guidelines. However, the LLSIL identifies maximum qualifying income levels for residents in either of two broad geographic designations: metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas. Metropolitan levels apply to residents living within Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) as defined by the Office of Management and Budget. Nonmetropolitan levels apply to places with populations under 50,000. In addition to the broad metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas, the Department of Labor identifies three MSAs in California that have unique LLSILs: the San Diego MSA, the Los Angeles/Riverside/Orange County MSA, and the San Francisco/Oakland/San Jose MSA.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

1. Select the appropriate table for use by your LWIA from the five tables on the attachment. ***(In those instances where a LWIA encompasses both metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas, the State has designated the higher of the LLSIL figures for use within the entire LWIA.)***
2. Use the higher of either the LLSIL or the poverty guidelines, for the appropriate family size, to determine low-income status. A comparison of the applicant's actual family income during the six-month income determination period with the six-month figures on the charts enables the reviewer to immediately determine income status.
3. The LWIBs are required to set the criteria for determining whether employment leads to self-sufficiency. At a minimum, such criteria must provide that self-sufficiency means employment that pays at least 100 percent of the LLSIL established for a LWIA.

ACTION:

Notify all affected staff of the changes to the LLSIL and poverty guidelines in this directive.

INQUIRIES:

Please direct inquiries about this directive to your assigned [Regional Advisor](#) at (916) 653-6347 or Georganne Pintar Baldwin, Local Policy Guidance Unit Manager, at (916) 654-7611.

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Attachment

2005 70 PERCENT LOWER LIVING STANDARD INCOME LEVEL (LLSIL) AND POVERTY GUIDELINES

The LLSIL and poverty guidelines are used to establish low-income status and the minimum level for establishing self-sufficiency criteria at the local level. The LWIBs need the LLSIL to determine eligibility for youth, eligibility for employed adult/dislocated workers for certain services, self-sufficiency, and for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit. The LWIBs should consult the WIA and its regulations and preamble for more specific guidance.

Tables 1 through 5 show the 70 percent LLSIL and the poverty guidelines for western metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas, and for three specific Metropolitan Statistical Areas in California. In addition, each LLSIL table includes the 100 percent LLSIL that establishes the Department of Labor's minimum self-sufficiency levels. Each table specifies which areas encompass which LWIA. For a family of one, in all tables, the poverty guidelines exceed the 70 percent LLSIL and, therefore, should be used to establish the low-income status. For all other family sizes, the LLSILs exceed the poverty guidelines. The last column in each table shows the amount to be added to the figure for a family of six for each additional family member.

Since the income received during the six-month period immediately prior to the individual's application for WIA funded services is used for income determination, each chart below shows the six-month, as well as the annual, figures for each family size. A comparison of the applicant's actual family income during the six-month income determination period with the six-month figures on the charts enables the reviewer to immediately determine a family's income.

Effective Dates: LLSIL: May 11, 2005
 Poverty Guidelines: February 18, 2005

Table 1—San Diego Metropolitan Statistical Area							
LWIAs	San Diego						
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	\$ 9,410	\$ 15,420	\$ 21,160	\$ 26,120	\$ 30,830	\$ 36,050	\$ 5,220
6 Months	\$ 4,705	\$ 7,710	\$ 10,580	\$ 13,060	\$ 15,415	\$ 18,025	\$ 2,610
100%	\$ 13,440	\$ 22,020	\$ 30,230	\$ 37,310	\$ 44,030	\$ 51,490	\$ 7,460
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$ 9,570	\$ 12,830	\$ 16,090	\$ 19,350	\$ 22,610	\$ 25,870	\$ 3,260
6 Months	\$ 4,785	\$ 6,415	\$ 8,045	\$ 9,675	\$ 11,305	\$ 12,935	\$ 1,630

Table 2—Los Angeles/Riverside/Orange County Metropolitan Statistical Area

LWIAs	Anaheim	Los Angeles County		San Bernardino County			
	Carson/Lomita/Torrance	Orange County		SELACO			
	Foothill	Riverside County		South Bay			
	Long Beach	Santa Ana		Ventura			
	Los Angeles City	San Bernardino City		Verdugo			
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	\$ 8,640	\$ 14,160	\$ 19,440	\$ 23,990	\$ 28,310	\$ 33,110	\$ 4,800
6 Months	\$ 4,320	\$ 7,080	\$ 9,720	\$ 11,995	\$ 14,155	\$ 16,555	\$ 2,400
100%	\$ 12,340	\$ 20,220	\$ 27,760	\$ 34,270	\$ 40,440	\$ 47,300	\$ 6,860
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$ 9,570	\$ 12,830	\$ 16,090	\$ 19,350	\$ 22,610	\$ 25,870	\$ 3,260
6 Months	\$ 4,785	\$ 6,415	\$ 8,045	\$ 9,675	\$ 11,305	\$ 12,935	\$ 1,630

Table 3—San Francisco/Oakland/San Jose Metropolitan Statistical Area

LWIAs	Alameda		Oakland		Santa Cruz		
	Contra Costa		Richmond		Solano		
	Marin		San Francisco		Sonoma		
	Napa		San Jose				
	NOVA		San Mateo				
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	\$ 8,950	\$ 14,670	\$ 20,130	\$ 24,850	\$ 29,330	\$ 34,300	\$ 4,970
6 Months	\$ 4,475	\$ 7,335	\$ 10,065	\$ 12,425	\$ 14,665	\$ 17,150	\$ 2,485
100%	\$ 12,780	\$ 20,940	\$ 28,750	\$ 35,490	\$ 41,880	\$ 48,980	\$ 7,100
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$ 9,570	\$ 12,830	\$ 16,090	\$ 19,350	\$ 22,610	\$ 25,870	\$ 3,260
6 Months	\$ 4,785	\$ 6,415	\$ 8,045	\$ 9,675	\$ 11,305	\$ 12,935	\$ 1,630

Table 4— Metropolitan Areas

LWIAs	Fresno			NoRTEC		Stanislaus	
	Golden Sierra			North Central		Tulare	
	Kern/Inyo/Mono			Sacramento		Yolo	
	Merced			San Joaquin			
	Monterey			Santa Barbara			
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	\$ 8,360	\$ 13,700	\$ 18,810	\$ 23,220	\$ 27,400	\$ 32,050	\$ 4,650
6 Months	\$ 4,180	\$ 6,850	\$ 9,405	\$ 11,610	\$ 13,700	\$ 16,025	\$ 2,325
100%	\$ 11,940	\$ 19,570	\$ 26,860	\$ 33,160	\$ 39,130	\$ 45,770	\$ 6,640
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$ 9,570	\$ 12,830	\$ 16,090	\$ 19,350	\$ 22,610	\$ 25,870	\$ 3,260
6 Months	\$ 4,785	\$ 6,415	\$ 8,045	\$ 9,675	\$ 11,305	\$ 12,935	\$ 1,630

Table 5—Nonmetropolitan Areas

LWIAs	Humboldt			Mother Lode			
	Imperial			San Benito			
	Kings			San Luis Obispo			
	Madera						
	Mendocino						
Family Size							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Each Add'l add
70% LLSIL							
Annual	\$ 8,070	\$ 13,230	\$ 18,160	\$ 22,410	\$ 26,450	\$ 30,930	\$ 4,480
6 Months	\$ 4,035	\$ 6,615	\$ 9,080	\$ 11,205	\$ 13,225	\$ 15,465	\$ 2,240
100%	\$ 11,530	\$ 18,900	\$ 25,940	\$ 32,020	\$ 37,790	\$ 44,190	\$ 6,400
Poverty Guidelines							
Annual	\$ 9,570	\$ 12,830	\$ 16,090	\$ 19,350	\$ 22,610	\$ 25,870	\$ 3,260
6 Months	\$ 4,785	\$ 6,415	\$ 8,045	\$ 9,675	\$ 11,305	\$ 12,935	\$ 1,630